

## Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, American Indian Females- United States, 2001\*

Rank	Age Group in Years													
	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 +	65-74	75-84	85 +	All Ages
1	Unintentional injuries 29.4%	Unintentional injuries 60.0%	Unintentional injuries 46.2%	Unintentional injuries 57.5%	Unintentional injuries 57.1%	Unintentional injuries 29.6%	Unintentional injuries 17.6%	Cancer 23.7%	Cancer 29.6%	Heart disease 24.9%	Cancer 25.7%	Heart disease 24.3%	Heart disease 29.6%	Cancer 19.1%
2	Birth defects 19.6%	(2)Heart disease 6.7%	Suicide 12.8%	Suicide 12.6%	Homicide 11.4%	(2)Cancer 8.4%	Cancer 14.9%	Chronic liver disease 14.2%	Heart disease 16.9%	Cancer 19.0%	Heart disease 21.3%	Cancer 19.6%	Cancer 10.7%	Heart disease 18.9%
3	Homicide 13.7%	(2)Influenza & pneumonia 6.7%	(3)Cancer 5.1%	Homicide 6.9%	Suicide 8.6%	(2)Homicide 8.4%	Chronic liver disease 12.9%	Heart disease 12.8%	Diabetes 10.1%	Stroke 8.8%	Diabetes 9.9%	Stroke 9.4%	Stroke 9.8%	Unintentional injuries 8.2%
4	Influenza & pneumonia 5.9%	(2)Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.7%	(3)Influenza & pneumonia 5.1%	Cancer 3.4%	Cancer 5.7%	Suicide 7.3%	Heart disease 9.8%	Unintentional injuries 10.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.0%	Diabetes 7.6%	Stroke 7.4%	Diabetes 8.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 5.8%	Diabetes 6.7%
5	Septicemia 3.9%	(2) Birth defects 6.7%	(3)Homicide 5.1%	(5)Anemias 2.3%	(5)Septicemia 2.9%	Heart disease 6.1%	Stroke 4.1%	Diabetes 6.3%	Kidney disease 4.6%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 6.3%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.7%	Diabetes 4.4%	Stroke 6.5%
6	(6)Cancer 2.0%	(2)Homicide 6.7%	(6)Anemias 2.6%	(5)Influenza & pneumonia 2.3%	(5)Diabetes 2.9%	Chronic liver disease 4.5%	Suicide 3.7%	Stroke 4.5%	Chronic liver disease 4.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.7%	Kidney disease 3.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.1%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.1%
7	(6)Meningitis 2.0%	(6)Heart disease 2.0%	(6)Heart disease 2.6%	(7)Benign neoplasms 1.1%	(7)Benign neoplasms 1.4%	Pregnancy complications 2.8%	Homicide 2.9%	Kidney disease 2.1%	Stroke 4.1%	Unintentional injuries 2.7%	Chronic liver disease 2.8%	Unintentional injuries 2.5%	Alzheimer's disease 3.7%	Chronic liver disease 4.1%
8	(6)Bronchitis 2.0%	(6)Birth defects 2.6%	(6)Birth defects 2.6%	(7)Heart disease 1.1%	(7)Heart disease 1.4%	(8)Stroke 2.2%	(8)HIV disease 2.7%	Septicemia 1.9%	Unintentional injuries 3.9%	Kidney disease 2.5%	Unintentional injuries 2.7%	Kidney disease 2.4%	Unintentional injuries 3.1%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.9%
9	(6)Infections of kidney 2.0%	(7)Heart disease 1.1%	(7)Heart disease 1.1%	(7)Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.1%	(7)Chronic liver disease 1.4%	(8) Birth defects 2.2%	(8)Diabetes 2.7%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.6%	Alzheimer's disease 2.0%	(9)Septicemia 1.8%	Alzheimer's disease 2.0%	(9)Pneumonitis due to solids and liquids 1.5%	Kidney disease 2.4%
10	(6)Medical & surgical care complications 2.0%	(7)Heart disease 1.1%	(7)Heart disease 1.1%	(7)Chronic liver disease 1.1%	(7)Infections of kidney 1.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.7%	Septicemia 2.0%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.3%	Septicemia 1.3%	Chronic liver disease 1.3%	(9)Influenza & pneumonia 1.8%	Pneumonitis due to solids and liquids 1.1%	(9)Kidney disease 1.5%	Septicemia 1.3%

\*Percentages represent total deaths in the age group due to the cause indicated. Numbers in parentheses indicate tied rankings.

Some terms have been shortened from those used in the National Vital Statistics Report. See the next page for a listing of the shortened terms in the table and their unabridged equivalents.

To learn more, including the leading causes of death by age and race/ethnicity, visit *Deaths: Leading Causes for 2001* at [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr52/nvsr52\\_09.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr52/nvsr52_09.pdf) (HHS, CDC, NCHS).

## **Shortened Terms and Unabridged Equivalents for Leading Causes of Death**

**Due to limited space, some terms in the leading causes of death table have been shortened from those used in the National Vital Statistics Report. Below is a listing of the shortened terms used in the table and their unabridged equivalents used in the report.**

### **SHORTENED TERMS**

**Benign neoplasms**  
**Birth defects**  
**Bronchitis**  
**Cancer**  
**Chronic liver disease**  
**Diabetes**  
**Heart disease**  
**HIV disease**  
**Homicide**  
**Hypertension**  
**Kidney disease**  
**Medical & surgical care complications**  
**Perinatal conditions**  
**Pregnancy complications**  
**Stroke**  
**Suicide**  
**Unintentional injuries**

### **UNABRIDGED TERMS**

In situ neoplasms, benign neoplasms and neoplasms of uncertain or unknown behavior  
Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities  
Acute bronchitis and bronchiolitis  
Malignant neoplasms  
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis  
Diabetes mellitus  
Diseases of heart  
Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease  
Assault (homicide)  
Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease  
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis  
Complications of medical and surgical care  
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period  
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium  
Cerebrovascular diseases  
Intentional self-harm  
Accidents (unintentional injuries)